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Enclosed is a copy of the Replacement Filing Receipt for the above-identified application which incorrectly lists the third inventor "Hiroaki Shichi. The Official Filing Receipt mailed June 17, 2004 correctly lists the inventors for the above-referenced application. The third inventor was deleted upon the filing of the divisional application as noted on the enclosed copy of the transmittal as filed. The correction is shown in red on the attached copy of the filing receipt. Please note your records accordingly. Correction of same is respectfully requested.

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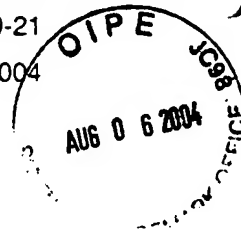
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Entitled: SNOWMOBILE FOUR-CYCLE ENGINE ARRANGEMENT

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☒ Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons: Hiroaki SHICHI

35 pages of specification and claims (including 22 numbered claims), and
10 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 12.

☐ Record the attached assignment to _____ and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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| 2000-270363 | JP | 6 September 2000 |
| 2000-285417 | JP | 20 September 2000 |

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on August 10, 2001 in prior appln. no. 09/925,522 filed August 10, 2001

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/365,417, filed February 13, 2003, pending, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/925,522, filed August 1, 2001, now patented, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Suzuki Motor Corporation, Shizuoka-ken, Japan.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

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